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Title: **“Water-thinnable polymer precursors, their preparation and use”**

of which is described and claimed in:

the attached specification, or
 the specification in the application Serial No. filed
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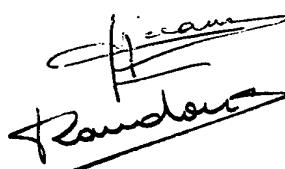
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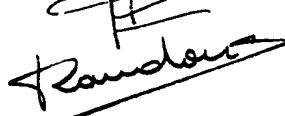
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